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LOUISVILLE MAIL CLERK CHARGED WITH STEALING CASH AND CREDIT AND DEBIT CARDS FROM MAIL

–Nearly \$100,000 stolen

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that on January 17, 2007, **RICHARD C. SALYER**, age 49, of 190 N. Woodrow Lane, Clermont, Kentucky, in Jefferson County, **pled guilty** to stealing cash, credit cards, and debit cards from the mail while employed as a processing clerk at the United States Post Office at 1420 Gardiner Lane, in Louisville.

The maximum potential penalties are 5 years imprisonment, a \$250,000.00 fine, and 3 years supervised release.

Salyer admitted that between July 1, 2004, and April 28, 2005, he was a mail processing clerk and stole cash, credit cards, and debit cards from the mail, and used the credit cards and debit cards to make over \$98,000 in fraudulent purchases and payments. An April 2005 search of Salyer's home and car uncovered hundreds of pieces of mail containing credit and debit cards. An additional \$34,846.92 in currency was found in Salyer's home and seized by the Postal Inspection Service.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Weiser and was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service.

The plea was entered before Thomas B. Russell, Judge, United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky. **Salyer** is scheduled to be sentenced before Judge Russell on April 17, 2007, at 11:30 a.m., in Louisville, Kentucky.

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